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Applicant's invention was to use a mold wheel to support cords during a jacket molding process that resulted in grooves in at least one of the exterior surfaces of the jacket (as shown in Applicant's Figure 1, for example). The claimed method eliminates those grooves and uses a different technique for positioning the cords within the jacket. One example approach is described in the specification in paragraphs 30 and 35-36, for example. The claimed method includes controlling the tension on each cord individually, which facilitates positioning the cords to achieve the desired configuration. With Applicant's invention each individual cord is tensioned individually (i.e., separately) from the others so that the tension on each cord can be individually controlled as needed. That is nowhere shown or suggested within the references. Therefore, claim 1 and all those dependent from it are allowable.

The claimed method is nowhere shown or suggested within the art. Although some tension may have been collectively applied to all the cords when feeding them through conventional molding machinery, there is no teaching or suggestion of using individual or different tensions on each individual cord. Tensioning all the cords together as they are wrapped about a mold wheel, for example, was sufficient for the conventional process. With Applicant's invention, a different approach is taken and all claims are patentable.

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Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

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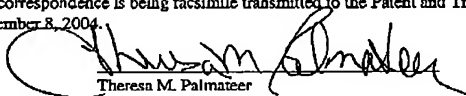
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